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Viewing cable 03OTTAWA1461, CANADA ON RECALL OF IRAQI COM

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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| Reference ID | Created | Released | Classification | Origin |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 03OTTAWA1461 | 2003-05-22 20:12 | 2011-08-30 01:44 | SECRET | Embassy Ottawa |

Appears in these articles:

<http://aptn.ca/pages/news/2011/05/17/csis-in-the-dark-on-iraqi-diplomats-fate-after-saddams-fall-u-s-diplomatic-cable/>

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

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S E C R E T OTTAWA 001461
SIPDIS
DEPT. FOR NEA/NGA
E.O. 12958: DECL: 05/22/2013
TAGS: PREL CA IZ
SUBJECT: CANADA ON RECALL OF IRAQI COM
REF: STATE 126507
Classified By: POLMIN COUNSELOR BRIAN FLORA. REASON 1.5 (B) AND (D).
1. (S) In response to reftel demarche, DFAIT Middle East
Division Deputy Director Graeme McIntyre affirmed that the
GOC had taken a decision to facilitate the return to Baghdad
of Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Mamdouh S. MUSTAFA, the sole Iraqi
diplomat remaining in Canada. POL/Liaison sources at post
advise that CSIS (Canadian intelligence) was unaware of the
GOC/DFAIT decision to facilitate Mustafa's departure from
Canada.
2. (C) According to McIntyre, Mustafa was accredited to
Canada in 2000/01 as a full Charge d'Affaires -- as opposed
to "ad interim"-- after his predecessor, Mohammad H.
Al-Saffar, failed to resume his post. Though he could not
give us a timeline for Mustafa's departure, McIntyre said it
would help the GOC if Mustafa were included in the worldwide
list of former regime officials posted abroad whose departure
USG previously had encouraged to different host governments.
3. (C) McIntyre said the GOC is particularly sensitive to the
possibility of negative press coverage about Mustafa's
departure (and, probably, the likelihood that left-leaning
opposition MPs will attack the government decision as a
"rights" violation etc.). Poloff noted that if Mustafa was
accredited to Canada as a full charge, then it would appear
that he fell into the category of "head of mission" and is
thus covered by the instruction from the Iraqi MFA.
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=====CABLE ENDS=====
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